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In re Patent Application of )  
Yasushi SHIGEMORI et al. )  
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Filed: June 30, 2000 ) Examiner: K. Katcheres  
For: LIGATION OF DOUBLE-STRANDED )  
DNAs )

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action dated February 21, 2001, please amend  
the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Kindly replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 17-21 with the following text.

--On the other hand, examples for the methods for ligating at a specific site are  
DNA ligase-mediated ligations of a cohesive end of a DNA fragment cleaved by a  
restriction enzyme, or a blunt-end of a DNA fragment or a blunt-end to which a suitable  
adapter has been added.--

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